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SUBJ: QUEEN MARGRETHE'S VISIT; DANISH PRESS TREATMENT

1. MAJOR DANISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE GIVEN EXTENSIVE TREATMENT TO THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO THE US. COVERAGE ALSO EXTENSIVE ON RADIO AND TELEVISION. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE'S FRONT PAGE TUESDAY FEATURED A FOUR-COLUMN WIDE, HALF-PAGE PICTURE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER RECEIVING THE QUEEN AND PRINCE HENRIK AT DOCKSIDE AND HEADLINES WERE "KISSINGER RECEIVES THE ROYAL COUPLE". POLITIKEN BROUGHT FRONT-PAGE PICTURE OF QUEEN RECEIVING HONOR GUARD AND HEADED INSIDE STORY, UNDER PHOTO OF SECRETARY AND K.B. ANDERSEN RECEIVING THE ROYAL COUPLE, "STYLISH ARRIVAL".

2. STORIES WERE FILLED WITH DETAILS OF ARRIVAL AND MADE POINT OF DANISH COUPLE'S RESIDENCE IN BLAIR HOUSE AND RECEPTION BY WASHINGTON'S MAYOR WALTER WASHINGTON. WEDNESDAY STORIES DEVOTED MUCH SPACE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LUNCH FOR THE QUEEN AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND SHOWED A FINE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE QUEEN WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD, WITH CAPTION UNDERNEATH READING IN BLOCK LETTERS: "THE QUEEN: THANKS USA."

3. COVERAGE WAS VERY FAVORABLE AND EMPHASIZED FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. ALMOST COMPLETE  
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EXTRACTS FROM THE TOASTS OFFERED BY THE QUEEN AND

PRESIDENT FORD AT THE LINCH WERE CARRIED.

4. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LUNCH MEETING WITH THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVED SOME COVERAGE. STORIES NOTED THAT KISSINGER WAS FIRST FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS WITH ANDERSEN LATTER'S MEETINGS WITH TANZANIA'S PRESIDENT NYERERE IN COPENHAGEN. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER EMPHASIZED TO PRESS THAT SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIP TO AFRICA WAS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT AND THAT AMERICAN POLICY ON AFRICA WAS IN MANY WAYS IN LINE WITH NORDIC AS WELL AS EEC POLICIES TOWARD THAT CONTINENT. ACCORDING TO REPORTS OF ANDERSEN PRESS CONFERENCE, MIDDLE EAST WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS AND FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN SAID THAT THE SECRETARY WAS INTERESTED IN HEARING VIEWS WHICH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT EXPRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN DURING THE LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO CAIRO. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT ON THE WAY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, I.E., THROUGH THE COUNTRY WHICH IS CHAIRMAN. ON POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FROM THE UPCOMING ITALIAN ELECTIONS IN JUNE, ANDERSEN SAID ONLY THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT NATO MUST BE MAINTAINED.

5. TABLOIDS BROUGHT STORY OF HOW PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD HAS TO WAIT ON STEPS OF WHITE HOUSE FOR QUEEN AND CONSORT BECAUSE OF ERROR OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF SIDE. STORIES EMPHASIZED SYMPATHETIC AND FRIENDLY WAY PRESIDENT FORD USED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO WAITING DANISH PRESSMEN.  
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